

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS ITEMS

News of Interest Gleaned From All Sections of the State and Arranged For Busy Readers

Y. M. C. A. Convention.

The sixth annual convention of the Y. M. C. A. of North and South Carolina, held in Charlotte, N. C., and one of the most successful of the series, came to a close Sunday night at a meeting held for the special benefit of the delegates. A meeting was held for these in the morning and in addition there were the usual special services for men and boys at other hours. At the meeting Sunday night talks were made by Messrs. R. H. King, of Charleston, S. C.; Julian M. Smith, field secretary; James E. Johnson, secretary of students' and boys' work; J. S. Klutz, office secretary of the interstate executive committee; D. L. Probert, secretary of the Charlotte Y. M. C. A.; P. M. Colbert, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Winston-Salem; E. E. Barnett, secretary at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; L. P. Hollis, of Greenville, S. C.; G. C. Huntington, of Charlotte, and Dr. George J. Fisher, of New York. Unanimous was the sentiment expressed that the meeting had been far more than worth while. "It has more than fulfilled our expectations," said many. General regret was expressed that the meeting which had been so fruitful in results and so pleasant had, like everything else, to come to an end at last. Before adjournment, suitable resolutions were passed expressing much gratification at the cordial reception and splendid entertainment of the body by the citizens of Charlotte.

Revenue Officers Laid Off.

Greenville, Special.—Internal revenue inspectors, several employees and raiding deputies, whose services are not absolutely necessary for the conduct of offices of revenue headquarters in South Carolina, have been told that they can take a rest of 60 days beginning with April 1. The information coming in the form of a letter from United States Commissioner of Internal Revenue John G. Capers in Washington, was conveyed to four men here this week. They are: Inspector V. B. McGaha, Special Employees J. C. McGraw and H. B. Hendrick, white men, and Jas. Bryer, a negro, who has drawn a salary from the government for looking after denatured alcohol. In Columbia a like letter has been received and there it will affect eight or ten men.

Commissioner Capers says in his letter that the appropriation for his department is not sufficient to warrant him in paying the warrants drawn by the revenue men. He therefore wants the raiding of illicit stills to cease for two months while the deficit in his department is being brushed aside.

Attempt to Kill Policeman.

Greenville, Special.—Five shots from a revolver in the hands of a man who kept himself hidden in the darkness were fired at Patrolman Attaway early Wednesday morning as the officer was on his way to his home. But for the presence of mind of the policeman in dropping to the ground when the first shot whistled by his head he would more than likely have been hit by the other four that whizzed above his head. While on the ground the officer emptied his revolver in the direction whence the leaden missiles flew, but so far as is known he did not strike any one.

Officer Attaway has been on the force for about a year and is generally regarded as being a man who strictly enforces all ordinances and statute laws and for this reason he is attacked by an element of law-breakers which infest the outskirts of the city.

Shot by Brother-in-Law.

Saluda, Special.—On Saturday afternoon in the Bethany section of this county L. B. Sample shot his brother-in-law, J. D. Pitts, in the yard of the latter. The trouble, it appears, grew out of some difference of a petty nature. Both parties are white. Dr. Kirksey, who was called to attend the wounded man, says he is shot from foot to head.

Negro Involves Barnwell White Man in Confessing a Murder.

Barnwell, Special.—As the result of a startling confession made Sunday by Quitman Johnson, a negro who Saturday was convicted of the murder of Perry Ussery last November, Chester Kennedy was arrested at the home of his father near here. The negro admitted killing Ussery and said Kennedy had hired him and Ferdinand Grubbs, another negro, who was convicted with Johnson, to kill a man named Holland, and that he had intended to kill Holland but had shot Ussery instead.

He Killed Two Women Same Day.

Chester, Special.—The March term of the Criminal Court for this county began its sitting on Monday morning with Judge J. C. Klugh, of Abbeville, on the bench. The most important case thus far is the sentencing of Addison Lawson, colored, convicted more than a year ago of the murder of two negro women at church on the same day, and promptly sentenced to death.

A Great Fair is to be Held.

The State fair this year is going to be unusual and extraordinary in many respects. The preparations that are now going on are looking towards many new and attractive features of the annual celebration.

As announced recently by Capt. Jno. G. Mobley, president, Tuesday of fair week is to be set aside this year as "college and school day." No charge will be made for any student or pupil from any college or school in this State for admissions on this day, and any adult, accompanying a student or pupil on this day, will be granted half rates of admission. Students and pupils must get their free admission cards from the proper officers of their institutions the week before the fair.

All colleges and schools in this State are earnestly urged to attend in bodies and to secure admission cards and information from the secretary of the State fair. Mr. A. W. Love of Columbia, as early in October as possible. Special railroad coaches can be furnished for the purpose of bringing students and teachers if the number of passengers warrant this and if arrangements are made in time.

The bench show is to be a feature this year. A great deal of interest has been manifested in this department and the fair society will increase the prizes. The aid and suggestions of all dog owners are requested.

Receiver for Haile Gold Mine.

Lancaster, Special.—An application was made before Judge Klugh at Chester Tuesday for the appointment of receivers for the Haile Gold Mining Company, the application being made by Harry S. Seelye, of New York, as trustee for the bondholders, the bonded indebtedness amounting to \$224,000, principal and interest. The trustee was represented at the hearing by Judge Ernest Moore, of the Lancaster Bar, and the law firm of Sutro & Wright, of New York City.

Judge Klugh granted an order appointing Chas. D. Jones, of Lancaster, and L. W. Amerman, of Bayon, N. J., as receivers of the property.

The order directs that the receivers operate the property at once, so that work at the mine, which has been suspended since the fearful disaster there last year, will be resumed without delay. The high character and splendid business abilities of the receivers named insures the speedy restoration of this valuable mining property to its former profitable and paying basis.

Cotton Mills Doing Very Well.

Columbia, Special.—The cotton mills of South Carolina are doing very well. There is no unusual demand for goods and with conservative buying prices naturally are not "booming."

The press dispatches carried this important item of news:

A reduction from 45-8 to 41-2 cents has been made in standard print cloths. The quotations on narrow goods remain unchanged. While the decline will tend to lower the margin between the cost of raw cotton and the price of the finished product, upon which the operatives' wages are based, it is thought that the recent reduction in the price of middling uplands cotton will practically restore it. Fall River prices are not confined to Fall River goods, unfortunately.

Fatal Shooting Affair in South Carolina.

Greenville, Special.—Jack Fisher was shot and probably fatally wounded at Piedmont Sunday by Bob Chastain, both parties white. Chastain was arrested and lodged in the county jail by Sheriff Poole. The cause of the shooting is unknown. The physicians state that Fisher can live but a few hours.

To Furnish Confederate Home.

Columbia, Special.—Gen. Willie Jones, Col. D. Cardwell and Commander W. D. Starling have arranged for the purchase of equipment for the Confederate Home. The Home will be opened about May 10. The Legislature appropriated \$12,000 for the equipping of the building. The Richland delegation has appointed the following to select the rural policemen provided for at the last session of the General Assembly: Sheriff W. H. Coleman, chairman, ex-officio; L. M. Hook, L. E. Hohan, Oscar Chappell.

Dr. Alderman's Residence Nearly Ready.

Charlottesville, Special.—The handsome residence of President Alderman, on Carr's Hill, at the University of Virginia, is now practically completed. A few fixtures yet remain to be placed, and then the house itself will be ready for occupancy. The work of the landscape gardener on the Hill is still to be done, but even now much of the debris has been cleared away.

OFF FOR THE JUNGLES

President Roosevelt, Leaves on African Hunting Trip.

MANY RESPECTS SHOWN HIM

Ex-President Roosevelt Sails Away Amid a Profusion of Farewell Salutations—President Taft Sends Present.

New York, Special.—Waving a hearty farewell with his black slouch hat, his smiling face beaming in the morning sun as he stood on the captain's bridge of the steamship Hamburg, ex-President Theodore Roosevelt sailed Tuesday for his long-planned African "safari" (hunt). He left amid the cheers of thousands that swarmed the Hamburg line pier whistles of countless river craft and the thunderous reverberations of the ex-President's salute of 13 guns from Forts Hamilton and Wadsworth.

Present From President Taft.

One incident of the departure which touched Mr. Roosevelt probably more than any other was the presentation of a message and gift from President Taft by Captain Archibald Butt, who was chief military aide to Mr. Roosevelt and who occupies that position under President Taft.

Grasping his former aide by the hand with a "By George, it is good to see you again, Archie," Mr. Roosevelt drew the President's messenger aside to talk to him. Captain Butt then delivered President Taft's message with a small package containing a ruler of gold with pencil attachment. It is a collapsible ruler, 12 inches long when drawn out of the end of the pencil. On it is inscribed: "To Theodore Roosevelt, from William Howard Taft. Good-bye and good luck. Best wishes for a safe return."

When Mr. Roosevelt opened the package and discovered the gift from his successor he held it up and exclaimed: "Well now, isn't that just too kind of President Taft to send this to me and I appreciate it greatly."

Turning to Captain Butt he whispered a message for him to carry to the White House and said he would reply by wireless telegraph to the letter Mr. Taft had sent to him.

In His State Room.

Friends and political and official assistants almost without number came aboard the Hamburg. Only those who were known to Douglas Robinson, brother-in-law of Mr. Roosevelt, were admitted to the suite where Mr. Roosevelt received his friends. An eleven hour decoration in Mr. Roosevelt's main stateroom was the hanging on the walls of portraits of the several members of the Roosevelt family and pictures of the White House and Sagamore Hill.

The departure of the Hamburg was delayed until 11:06 o'clock by order of Captain Burmeister, so that Major General Wood, of the Department of the East, and his staff, might board the steamship and bid good-bye to their former commander-in-chief. Ex-Judge E. H. Gary, Senator Elihu Root, former Secretary of the Interior, James R. Garfield, Robert Bacon, former Assistant Secretary of State; Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts; Silas S. McBee, editor of The Churchman; General Bingham, commissioner of New York police, and M. Jusserand, the French ambassador and wife were noted among the more prominent visitors.

Makes Last Speech From Gangplank.

From the gangplank of the steamer, Mr. Roosevelt made his last speech. He said:

"I want to thank the representatives from Pittsburgh who have come all this distance to see me off. I am, indeed, grateful and am touched by their thoughtfulness and kindness in coming such a long way. I want to thank also my fellow citizens who came to see me off. To you and all Americans I say God bless you."

A message by wireless telegraph pictured the ex-President dining, then resting from the morning's strain, while Kermit, his son, in deck chair was enjoying the calm of the first day's voyage.

Taft Will Favor South.

Washington, Special.—There was further indication at the White House that President Taft in making Federal appointments in the South intends to consult as far as possible the wishes of the Senators from the States in which the officers are to be filled. In pursuance of this policy he had a lengthy interview with Senator Edley D. Smith, of South Carolina, Tuesday, and it was said he also would consult with Senator Tillman regarding South Carolina officers. Mr. Taft also has notified Senator Bailey that his wishes would be consulted.

Death-Dealing Tornado.

Dallas, Tex., Special.—Twelve known dead, property loss reaching into the thousands of dollars and possibly a score injured is the result of a tornado which swept over the northeastern part of Wise county late Tuesday night. Several small towns were visited by the storm but none were entirely destroyed, although each suffered serious damage. The chief force of the storm struck the country.

THE CHILD RESTORED; KIDNAPERS CAUGHT

Required Ransom Paid Agent—Man and Woman Described by Willie Whittle Arrested—The Woman Had the Money and Confessed—Gov. Stuart Offers \$15,000 Reward—Identified on Wednesday—The Boys Description Led the Police to Suspect the Man and Woman.

On Monday J. P. Whittle, father of Willie, the kidnaped boy, received a note telling him where to go and communicate with a woman in Cleveland, Ohio, who would tell him how to secure the boy. The first plan having failed on account of the watching of detectives, Mr. Whittle went alone, found the woman and paid the \$10,000. He then returned to the Hollenden Hotel and waited. The kidnaper dressed Willie in disguise, paid the fare and saw him off on the car. He was soon in the arms of his father and back to Sharon where the whole town went wild in rejoicing over Willie's return.

Cleveland, O., Special.—In the arrest here Tuesday night of a man and woman having \$9,790 in their possession, the police believe they have captured the kidnapers of Willie Whittle. In fact, the woman in the case, who is somewhat befuddled, admitted that she had been responsible for the kidnaping. When placed in custody at the central police station she said to Captain Shattuck: "I am the one who planned the whole thing. There will be trouble for me and hell in Sharon to-morrow."

Beneath the woman's skirt was found \$9,790. All of it but \$40 was bound in packages with the original slips placed on the money when Whittle took it from the banks still around it.

Whittle says he has the numbers on the currency bills handed the kidnapers and the police are comparing the notes found in the possession of the prisoners with the memoranda of Whittle.

Sharon people who heard of the arrests in Cleveland suspect a woman well known there. The woman suspected has not been living with her husband for some time, but has been making her home there. She is said to have had intimate knowledge of the Whittle family and to have known that Mr. Whittle would unquestionably give up any amount for the recovery of his son.

Gov. Stuart offered a reward of \$15,000 for the arrest and conviction of the kidnapers.

On Wednesday Willie Whittle identified the man and woman held on suspicion by the Cleveland police as the persons who kidnaped him from the school at Sharon, Pa., last Thursday and held him for the \$10,000 ransom which was paid by his father, Attorney J. P. Whittle, Monday.

Whittle said the man, who gave the name of James H. Boyle, was the one who took him from school and carried him through a tortuous route to Cleveland, then to Ashtabula, back to this city and placed him in the house in the east end, where he was held until the money was paid. Whittle also declared that the woman was the one who cared for him at the house where he was detained and who acted the part of a nurse.

Boyle Says Woman is His Wife.

Boyle said the woman is his wife. The police have no other identification of the couple than the names given. So far as the man is concerned the police believe the name is correct. Boyle is said to reside in Sharon, and is a plumber by trade. He is said to have a widowed mother, four brothers and a sister.

The woman, who is accerdted with being the wife of Boyle, declared soon after her arrest that her identification would cause a sensation in Sharon. When identification was completed, Mr. Whittle would say nothing regarding the woman. He said he knew Boyle slightly.

A woman, known as Mary Diener who, the police say, may have been an associate of the kidnaper, or was implicated in the plot, committed suicide Wednesday by drinking morphine. The woman drank the poison while standing in front of a drug store in the east end, not far from the house in which Willie Whittle was detained here. She died in an ambulance while being taken to a hospital.

Provide For Ex-Presidents.

Washington, Special.—Two bills affecting ex-Presidents have been introduced in the House. One, offered by Representative Coudrey, of Missouri, makes them honorary members of the United States Senate for life, and as such gives them a salary of \$25,000 per annum. The other, introduced by Representative Bennett, of New York, provides that ex-Presidents of the United States shall have a seat in the House of Representatives, with the right of debating, but not of voting. Under this bill they would receive the same compensation and allowances as members.

Within 111 Miles of the South Pole.

Lieutenant E. H. Shackelford of the British navy, has just returned to New Zealand and reports that his expedition which left in July, 1907, reached the South Magnetic pole and came within 111 miles of the South Pole proper. The theory of a still air zone about the pole is practically disproven. At the point where the party was compelled to turn back the altitude is 9,000 feet.

DEATH KNELL OF PAYNE BILL

Senator Elkins Says That The Bill As It Now Stands Will Never Become a Law.

Washington, Special.—Senator Elkins, of West Virginia Tuesday deounced what is believed to be the death knell of the Payne tariff bill in its present shape, when he declared in the most emphatic terms that such a bill as that presented to the House for adoption by the ways and means committee would never become a law, and that if necessary the Senate would remain in session until Christmas, if required to do so, to get a bill more acceptable to all sections of the country. This is the opinion also expressed by many other Senators. They maintain that a close analysis will show that such a bill as that now proposed would be most harmful to the interests of the South and that, as millions of dollars of money belonging to Eastern capitalists are invested there, such a bill will never become a law.

Objections to the Bill.

Among the objections set out are that it increases the taxation on the necessities of life, and that those articles actually required by the poor man will come higher to him.

That the maximum and minimum features of the bill are loosely drawn and, if placed in operation, would be both burdensome to the American and otherwise be hurtful to American trade relations.

That the drawback provisions of the bill will work out injuriously to the wheat raisers of the great West, and otherwise be hurtful to American industries.

That the inheritance tax provisions interfere with the State laws bearing on the same subject.

That the bill is lacking in any reciprocal features, which would enable the United States to make favorable trade arrangements.

That the system of valuation based on the American wholesale market price is of doubtful wisdom, and will work to increase duties.

That too much has been done to-

wards reducing raw materials without corresponding reductions in the duties on manufactured articles, as in the case of free hides and boots and shoes.

That the countervailing duty, of petroleum is still retained in the new measure, as it exists in the Dingley bill.

That tea is taxed and beer allowed to escape without additional taxation.

The storm of opposition to the bill has already broken in the House, and, though the Senate will have no opportunity to consider the measure for possibly a month, there are already signs indicating that when that body finishes with it, its best friends will not be able to recognize it.

Aldrich Opposes Bill.

Senator Aldrich objects to the bill because he does not like the maximum and minimum features, the inheritance tax, and other equally unsatisfactory parts of it. He especially opposes the inheritance tax clause because in his opinion, it would conflict with any of the State laws bearing on the same point. He is also strongly opposed to a tax on tea and coffee.

Senator Aldrich's opposition came as a surprise to his colleagues in the Senate and to President Taft. It is practically certain that the Senate finance committee will figure very largely in shaping up the measure when the Senate gets hold of it, and as Senator Aldrich is the chairman of this committee what he says with respect to his opposition is taken to mean that there must be a considerable amount of rebuilding before the Senate will agree to pass it.

The outlook is for a hard fight in the House, especially from Southern Representatives, and an equally hard fight in the Senate from those members who think the bill, as it now stands, would not be acceptable to the people of the country generally.

DEPRESSION DOES NOT EFFECT THE DAM.

Washington, Special.—Chairman Goethals, of the isthmian canal commission, who is about to return to Panama, said Friday that the three hundred feet of embankment of the rebuilt Panama Railroad line which Thursday's dispatches from Colon report had settled about thirty feet, was a mile and a half from the Gatun dam, and therefore, has no direct bearing in connection with the construction of that portion of the canal waterways. The settling occurred at a place where the re-located road is being constructed over a swamp. The road is being raised from a height of 6 feet to 95 feet above sea level.

"Unless there is some unforeseen difficulty such as labor trouble or an epidemic of some kind, I feel confident that the canal will be opened by January 1, 1915," said Colonel Goethals Friday. "I was originally an advocate of a sea level canal at Panama. That was at a time when I formed my judgment upon what seemed to be the demand of commerce and from general information concerning conditions that would be encountered. Going to the isthmus about two years ago, observation and

careful study convinced me that the construction of a sea level canal would involve expense so great as to make it impracticable and at the same time would result less satisfactorily because of difficulties connected with its maintenance.

"Since that time everything that has come to my attention has strengthened my belief in the advantage of a lock canal."

Colonel Goethals declared that reports of engineering difficulties that would be met on the isthmus have been greatly exaggerated.

"There is not a single thing in connection with the lock canal," he said, "that can be called unusual beyond the question of the magnitude. Engineers have performed similar work elsewhere. There are no doubtful problems. If I knew of anything that might jeopardize the stability of this work after its completion, or make doubtful its successful construction, I would promptly make a report on it, but there is nothing of that kind."

President Taft Friday again told Colonel Goethals that if the great waterway can be completed by the close of 1915, he wanted to see that feat accomplished. Colonel Goethals, although not thinking it likely of accomplishment, told the President he would put every force to work to expedite matters to carry out the President's orders. Colonel Goethals left Washington and will sail from New York for Panama Saturday.

A CRISIS NOW REACHED IN THE BALKANS

Paris, By Cable.—It is held in official circles that the Balkan situation on account of the irreconcilable attitude of the Austro-Hungarian government, has now reached a most acute stage and that the next few days will decide between peace and war. The efforts of Great Britain, France and Russia to present a formula for the settlement of the dif-

ficulty acceptable to Baron von Aehrenthal, the Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs, having failed, Austro-Hungary is expecting forthwith to deliver an ultimatum at Belgrade. After this, if Serbia refuses to make complete surrender, no doubt exists in Paris that Austria-Hungary will dispatch an army the Serbian crown prince.

KIDNAPER BOYLE IS LANDED BEHIND THE JAIL BARS

Mercer, Pa., Special.—Heavily manacled to Sheriff Chess, and guarded by several detectives, James Boyle, one of the kidnapers of little Billy Whittle, was brought here Friday from Pittsburgh and lodged in the Mercer county jail. His wife, it is said, will be brought here from Pittsburgh and the couple will be formally arraigned on a charge of kidnaping in a few days. Boyle feared violence on his arrival in Mercer, and on the journey from Pittsburgh asked Sheriff Chess if he thought the crowd would harm him. The prisoner looked

greatly relieved when he saw only a scattering of people at the Mercer station. Boyle was hurried into a waiting bus and taken to the jail where he was locked in a cell on the second tier. An armed guard was placed in front of Boyle's cell, and a patrolman will be stationed outside the jail all night. Sheriff Chess said that the jail would be guarded until the trial of the Boyles was over.

The officials questioned the prisoner about his wife's identity but other than to say that there was no question about the fact that he was married, he would say nothing.

CASTRO TO FIGHT FOR HIS LOST POWER IN VENEZUELA

Paris, By Cable.—Cipriano Castro, former president of Venezuela, left Thursday morning for Bordeaux. At the station Senor Castro confided to a small group of Venezuelan admirers his intention of re-establishing his power in Venezuela by a revolution, should this be necessary. After entering the car he leaned from a window and spoke with an earnestness and passion which left no doubt

that he was convinced that he was another Napoleon returning from Elba to reconquer his country. "Like Francis I, all is lost save honor," Castro declared. "I am going back to Venezuela. My country needs me, and my mission is there." "I believe that God and destiny call me back to Venezuela. I intend to accomplish my mission there, even though it involves revolution."